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SUBJECT: CTB NEGOTIATIONS: SOVIET VIEWS ON BASIC  
EQUIPMENT FOR ON-SITE INSPECTION

CTB MESSAGE NO.302

1. DURING AN INFORMAL CONVERSATION BETWEEN PETROSYANTS  
AND TIMERBAEV (USSR) AND JOHNSON AND NEIDLE (US), WE  
TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO PRESS SOVIETS ON NECESSITY FOR  
SEPARATE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT TO CONTAIN CLEARCUT  
RIGHT OF INSPECTORS TO BRING CERTAIN BASIC ITEMS OF  
EQUIPMENT WHICH COULD NOT BE FRUSTRATED BY LATER FAILURE  
TO REACH DECISIONS IN THE JCC. (MOST RECENT SOV DEL  
DRAFT, WHILE EXPRESSING THIS BASIC RIGHT IN ONE PARAGRAPH,  
ALSO STATES IN ANOTHER PARAGRAPH THAT AGREEMENT ON A LIST  
OF BASIC EQUIPMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT IN THE  
JCC.) WE EXPLAINED IN DETAILED AND FORCEFUL TERMS THAT  
US DEL HAD BEEN NEGOTIATING FOR MANY MONTHS ON THE UNDER-  
STANDING THAT THERE WOULD BE AN UNIMPEDED RIGHT TO BRING  
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BASIC EQUIPMENT AND WE HOPED THAT THE SOVIET SIDE WAS  
NOT MOVING BACKWARD TO A POSITION WHICH WE HAD REJECTED  
LAST YEAR AND WHICH COULD NOT BE A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION.

2. PETROSYANTS DECLARED THAT IT WAS NOT THE SOVIET  
INTENTION TO GO BACK ON ITS POSITION OF LAST MAY THAT  
INSPECTORS WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO BRING IN BASIC EQUIP-

MENT. HOWEVER, THE SOVIETS HOPED THE TREATY WOULD LAST A LONG TIME. THERE WOULD BE A NEED FOR THE JCC TO REVIEW THE BASIC EQUIPMENT WHICH MIGHT CHANGE OVER TIME AND THERE WOULD BE THE NEED TO TAKE DECISIONS IN THE LIGHT OF CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. IN RESPONDING TO PETROSYANTS, WE SAID JCC MIGHT BE ABLE TO DISCUSS NEW DEVELOPMENTS, BUT CONSIDERATIONS MENTIONED BY PETROSYANTS COULD NOT JUSTIFY LANGUAGE OF SORT SOVIET DEL HAD SUGGESTED.

4. PETROSYANTS SAID THAT THIS WAS AN ISSUE WHICH HE WAS CERTAIN COULD BE SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED, AND DURING THE RECESS THE SOVIETS WOULD CONSIDER IT FURTHER. JOHNSON AND NEIDLE CONCLUDED THAT IT WOULD SIMPLY BE NECESSARY FOR THE SOVIETS TO DELETE OR SIGNIFICANTLY MODIFY THE LANGUAGE WHICH SEEMED TO CREATE IN THE JCC THE POTENTIAL OF FRUSTRATING THE RIGHT OF THE INSPECTORS TO BRING IN BASIC EQUIPMENT. PETROSYANTS NODDED AFFIRMATIVELY ON HEARING THIS ASSESSMENT AND, AFTER THE MEETING, TIMERBAEV COMMENTED TO OUR INTERPRETER THAT WE COULD REST ASSURED THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM OVER THE LANGUAGE WE OBJECTED TO. JOHNSON

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